

This brochure is designed to inform you about the High Weeds & Grass Program and its compliance with the Indianapolis/Marion County Revised Code.

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. **Revised Code.** You can view the entire Indianapolis/Marion County Revised Code online at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).
2. **High Weeds & Grass.** Vegetation over 12 inches in height is considered High Weeds & Grass and is a violation of Ch. 575 of the Revised Code.
3. **Abatement.** A property owner has five days from the date of a Notice of Violation to mow the property in question.
4. **Notice of Violation.** The City is only required to issue one notice of violation per calendar year for High Weeds & Grass.
5. **Violations.** If a property is mowed by the City, the property owner will be billed for that service, and will continue to be charged for any necessary future mows made by the City.

## Department of Code Enforcement

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Wed: 12:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Fri: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

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Questions regarding case history, permits, reports and enforcement? Visit the Citizen Access Portal [Indy.gov/dce/research](http://Indy.gov/dce/research).



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To report an ordinance violation or neighborhood concern:

By Phone: (317) 327-4MAC (4622)

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Mobile App: [RequestIndy](http://RequestIndy) (iPhone/Android)



## HIGH WEEDS AND GRASS



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## HIGH WEEDS & GRASS (HWG)



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### What is considered High Weeds & Grass?

According to Ch. 575 of the Revised Code, vegetation over 12 inches in height is considered High Weeds & Grass.

### Why are High Weeds & Grass a problem?

High Weeds & Grass are an environmental public nuisance and has a negative effect on public health and safety. Besides being unsightly, High Weeds & Grass can harbor pests and vermin, and can also conceal illegal activities.

### What happens if a property owner fails to take responsibility for cutting a property?

A contracted City vendor will mow the property and the owner will be charged. After the initial mow, the property will be scheduled to be re-mowed every 30 days until the property owner takes responsibility for the property.

## THE PROCESS

**Step 1** – Citizen reports High Weeds & Grass to the Mayor's Action Center.

**Step 2** – An inspector receives the complaint and inspects the property.

**Step 3** – If the inspector determines that High Weeds & Grass exists, a Notice of Violation is issued.

**Step 4** – From the date the Notice of Violation is mailed, the property owner has five days to mow the property.

**Step 5** – After five days, a DCE mowing vendor will conduct a site inspection. If the property owner has mowed the property, the vendor documents the property is in compliance, and notifies DCE.

If the property owner has not mowed the property, the vendor documents the violation and immediately mows the property. The vendor then provides DCE with before and after photographs.

**Step 6** – On a daily basis, the vendor reports to DCE the properties which been mowed, and the properties which have come into voluntary compliance.

**Step 7** – If a mowing vendor mows the property, the property owner will receive a \$353 invoice for services from the City of Indianapolis. This includes vendor costs and all administrative fees.

**Step 8** – If the property owner does not pay the invoice, it will be attached to the owner's property tax bill.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

### How do I report High Weeds & Grass?

To report a High Weeds & Grass violation, please call the Mayor's Action Center at (317) 327-4MAC (4622) or through the RequestIndy app available for smartphones. Be prepared to provide the street address and any necessary details about the property.

### How do I determine if a property has already been reported?

To verify if a property has already been reported, visit the Citizen Access Portal at [www.indy.gov/dce/research](http://www.indy.gov/dce/research) and enter the property address or other search criteria.

### How do I track the status of a case?

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After

